

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER	MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2017-1109)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Thursday, November 9, 2017.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called, all were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2017 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$641,000.00 FOR MAIN STREET AND NARROWS ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 389-W AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: December 6, 2017)(20171109\U01)(UT-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES-WATER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND AND SEWER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND TO PAY FEES FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF "HAWTHORNE WOODS ASSESSMENT PROJECT" AND "SEWER UTILITIES IMPROVEMENT NOTE, SERIES 2017" (20171109\U02)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FOR EAST 348TH AND EAST 349TH STREETS WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 391-W(20171109\U03)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

4. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ARTHUR Q. LINDROSE TO THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 (20171109\C01)(B-192)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

5. RESOLUTION APPOINTING AARON J. HEAVNER TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FACILITY GOVERNING BOARD TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2018 (20171109\C02)(B-14)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy stated that this appointment must be approved by the five counties within the NEOCAP district. The Commissioners Clerk confirmed that the other four county Boards of Commissioners are in agreement to the appointment of Mr. Heavner. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENTION OF THE COUNTY TO ISSUE SELF-SUPPORTING HOSPITAL FACILITIES REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS FOR LAKE HOSPITAL SYSTEM, INC. AND SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING (Hearing Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Office, 4th Floor, Administration Building, 105 Main Street, Painesville, Ohio) (20171109\C03)(C-181)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Commissioner Cirino introduced Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Lake Health, Mr. Robert Tracz, to give a brief explanation of the resolution. Mr. Tracz introduced Mr. David Herman, Vice President of Finance of Lake Health, and Mr. Todd Gibson, of Squire, Patton, Boggs Law Firm. Mr. Tracz explained that the debt that is being issued is replacement debt that Lake Health has on its books. This will help extend the term of the debt and that there is no responsibility whatsoever to the County to service the debt. Commissioner Troy clarified that this will save interest on the part of the hospital. Mr. Tracz responded it will save the hospital system on interest and that the goal is to complete this by years end. Commissioner Troy asked if Mr. Tracz thought they would be able to get everything prepared by the end of the year, as significant tax reform may take place in Congress that would terminate this type of financing. Mr. Tracz stated he is confident that it can be. Mr. Tracz stated that they are extending the \$84 million term from 6 months and another debt from a 1 ½ year term to a 10-year term.

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Commissioner Hamercheck asked if there would be a cost savings. Mr. Tracz replied that the savings is basically a wash however this would extend the term to 10-years and with the hospital renewing with the existing bank, this would save an additional \$230,000 a year. Commissioner Hamercheck clarified that there is a savings to the hospital, no responsibility of cost to Lake County tax payers or the County. Mr. Tracz responded that was true.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,701,287.35(20171109\BC01)(C-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$817,724.39 (20171109\BC02)(C-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

9. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20171109\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20171109\BC04)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Mr. Gary Fedak, Director of Technical Operations, stated that in addition to their Capital Improvement projects, the Utilities Department have permanent improvements. The permanent improvements deal with facilities and plants. He explained that they recently completed a reroofing project at the Aquarius water treatment facility. He added that this project was funded through U.S. Communities National Government Purchasing Program which was completed and offered a savings of 20% for the project.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Mr. Matthew Battiato, Director of Jobs and Family Services, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support of the Children's Services levy and the voters of Lake County for the passage of the levy. He explained that the levy passed with a 58% approval of the voters. Mr. Battiato expressed his gratitude to the Lake County voters for recognizing the importance of the Children's Services Levy. He stated that his department is doing a great job during this very intense time. Passage of the levy means that Jobs and Family Services has a fiduciary responsibility to continue to make sure that the revenue generated by the levy will continue to be diligently spent. Commissioner Cirino stated he had the opportunity to visit many polling locations on Election Day and that he did not receive any negative comments on either the Children's Levy or the Senior Levy. Commissioner Troy stated there was much hard work put into creating the levy and he acknowledged the difficulty in making sure it was the best it could be. He explained that County taxpayers will continue to receive the 10% and 2 ½%, rollbacks on the renewal portion, and that the goal was to minimize the burden upon the taxpayers. He stated that this is a 10-year levy and does not go in effect until calendar year 2019 and asked if the Department will fall short in 2018. He stated that should the Department fall short, they can get temporary assistance from the General fund and the assistance would be paid back once distribution of the new levy begins. Commissioner Troy asked Mr. Battiato if he had any idea of what 2018 may bring for the department. Mr. Battiato responded that their intention is not to get to the point of asking the County for temporary assistance. Unfortunately they cannot calculate the number of children they will take into custody or the costs associated with it, but merely predict the number of children they may receive in their custody for 2018. Mr. Battiato explained that the Department will move forward and get through 2018 the best they can without coming to the County for assistance in funding. Commissioner Troy stated that thanks to the caring voters of Lake County, they have guaranteed good fiscal stability over the next ten years to ensure the children in need throughout Lake County will continue to receive care.

SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR– Mrs. Alyea Barajas, thanked the Lake County voters, the Board of Commissioners, Willoughby Mayor David Anderson and the many volunteers for the support and passage of the Senior Services Levy. She explained that with shrinking federal dollars and the increase of seniors in Lake County, they will be able to continue serving the seniors, focus on current issues, and address any gaps in services for the seniors of Lake County.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commission Hamercheck addressed Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, asking if the hospitalization plans offered to outside governmental agencies are the same as our County employees receive.

Mr. DiMare stated that there are several plans available and the outside entities have the choice as to what options they would like to offer their employees. He stated that he has met with the cities of Kirtland and Wickliffe, who are working to adopt a plan for their new employees, and they are currently working through the collective bargaining language. Commission Hamercheck asked if they will also be subject to the smoking cessation program beginning in 2018. Mr. DiMare explained that Lake County employees would be on the "honor system" in 2018 subject to the full rollout in 2019. He stated that he has been including the 2019 smoking cessation rollout explanation to the outside entities while speaking with them. Commission Hamercheck asked for clarification of LakeTran's decision to go in another direction for their healthcare coverage. Mr. DiMare explained that they are going to a less expensive self-insured program. Commissioner Troy explained that LakeTran has joined a risk pool with other transit agencies throughout the State of Ohio which will offer them a \$400,000 savings. Commissioner Troy and Mr. DiMare discussed the Lake Health hospitalization plan being offered to all new Lake County employees. Commissioner Troy stated that outside entities in our pool are offering the Lake Health Plan as well as others to choose from and wants to ensure that non-county employees are not receiving better options than our employees. Commission Hamercheck asked if the hospitalization deductions are pre-tax or post-tax. Mr. DiMare stated that the deductions are pre-tax. Commissioner Troy stated it was his understanding that the employee share was taxable income. Mr. DiMare stated he would look into the matter further and let the Board know. Mr. Battiato added that it was his understanding that it is pre-tax.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck announced that the Port and Economic Development Authority Board is in search of qualified candidates and if interested, individuals can submit a letter of interest and resume to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Troy stated that since the inception of the Port and Economic Development Authority Board, there has always been at least one female member and currently all eight of the filled seats are males. He encouraged any interested female to submit their letter of interest.

Commissioner Troy stated how well the election ran at the local polling locations this year. He said how pleased the poll-workers were with the new electronic poll-books. They stated that they are very easy to use and have cut down on wait times. He explained that the electronic poll-books were made possible by CCAO working in conjunction with the Ohio Association of Elections Officials, to convince the Legislature about the need for the electronic poll-books. The Counties were able to have 80-85% of the costs paid by the State. The Board of Elections have stated that it is becoming difficult to find poll-workers, and with the new electronic poll-books they hope it will become easier. Commission Hamercheck stated how well the new Board of Elections software was working on election-day and how easy it was to track usage, if everything was working properly, and the volume of voters. Commissioner Troy stated he attended a CCAO Board of Directors meeting last week and they are still waiting to hear what the final MCO sales tax replacement will be. There is some feeling that the House will want to put their signature on what the Senate has agreed to behind the scenes and tweak the \$50 million in hopes of something higher. He stated that there is a capital bill coming up in 2018 and the need to replace outdated voting machine equipment. Commissioner Troy stated that it is cost prohibitive for Counties to solely fund the voting machine equipment and that most budgets will be down 5% due to the MCO tax changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Lisa Siciliano-Miller, from OSU Extension, introduced Ms. Sandy Allison as the new part-time Family Consumer Educator and explained several programs that she will begin in the spring of 2018 with area high schools. Mr. Joey Tomsick, of Lake County Council on Aging, thanked the Lake County voters, the volunteers, Willoughby Mayor David Anderson, and the Board for their support of the senior levy. He stated that the nearly 65% passage reflects the County's commitment to the senior population. He described the impact it has on the Lake County Council on Aging, RSVP and the 10 Senior Centers. He stated the need to intensify their advocacy on a national level and explained the national program they currently have. Commissioner Troy stated there are many seniors with nutritional needs that are not being met and that they may qualify for SNAP. He stated many do not take advantage of these programs and asked if there was some type of outreach to help these seniors. Mr. Tomsick stated they do have an outreach program and he also encouraged seniors and their caregivers to reach out to the Veterans Services offices to get more information on the programs offered.

Mr. John Muzic of 45 Coventry Drive, Painesville Township, thanked the County Directors and Department Heads for watching their budgets and expressed his concern for those on a fixed income with the ever rising costs.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners' Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None Minutes approved this thirtieth day of November, 2017.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

November 9, 2017

DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK